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RE: Closing of the Mountain City, Nevada Post Office

We are appealing the closure of the Mountain City Post Office. We are requesting the 120 day extension so that our community gets a fair review. So far our community has expressed many concerns that the Postal Service has not given a sufficient answer to. In the proposal to close the Mountain City Post Office the Postal Service not only did not answer our questions and concerns, they added false information in their proposal to make sure they followed their criteria, It needed to be able to assure the closure of the Mountain City Post Office. It is a law that a post office can not be closed for the soul purpose of financial reasons. Therefore they are using the reasons for the closure, a lack of a Postmaster. Our Postmaster left in 2008. We have had a OIC acting as Postmaster since then, Our question is if they had not decided at that point they were going to use this against our community to close our office than why in over 3 years have we not had a postmaster? What does it take to get a Postmaster and why have we gone so long with out one? Is there not a law against this? What will happen to the Postal employees' in our community? All questions that have not been answered or even attempted to be answered. The Postal Service used false information about the wages they are paying their employees and adding the cost of benefits paid to the employees when

their employee do not receive any benefits at all. The Postal Service adds in their proposal that the closest Post Office, Owyhee Post Office is only 10 miles away and the Owyhee Post Office has 10 available post office boxes. The truth is the Owyhee Post Office is 13 miles away and there is such a shortage of boxes that most of their customers share boxes, therefore the Mountain City Post Office handles a lot of the Owyhee Post Office overflow, because the Owyhee Post Office is too small for its own community let alone adding the Mountain City community to it. After the postal officials were notified of the false information they had in their proposal they failed to correct their mistakes and are still using the false information in their proposal to close our community post office. The Postal Service did not consider that our community extends to the south of Mountain City. As it is now, we have community members that have to drive up to 120 miles round trip to use our post office because Mountain City is the closest post office; The Postal Service did not even consider adding the 26 mile round trip to their long drive! 146 miles for any one to drive to the nearest post office is too much! Or do they not count? Also The Postal Service has refused to come up with a plan letting us know how we are going to receive our mail. Are we going to get a CBU unit? Where do they plan to put it? Who is responsible in purchasing the CBU unit? Who will be responsible for the maintenance and snow removal? Do we have to put up our own mail boxes? Where do we put them up? Once again our questions and concerns have not been answered. It seems that no body knows any answers to any of our questions and concerns not even the Postal Officials that signed their name to the

proposal! How can that be?? It seems that the decision to close the Mountain City Post Office had already been made. The Postal Service has not taken into consideration the hardship it will cause our senior citizens or our handicap citizens in our community if the Post Office closes. We feel our rural community deserves a post office because unlike people in town we are unable to run to a store to purchase what we need and therefore we have a lot of our medications and supplies mailed to us. It is unfair that the Postal Officials are allowed to come to our community and cause such a hardship on us using false information, with not a care or a straight answer. We are people, and we do matter! We deserve the right to have our closure proposal reevaluated. I would like to thank the persons that take the time to read this letter, and grant my community this appeal and the 120 day extension for further review.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Becky Goff". The signature is fluid and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Becky Goff

Owner/ Operator, Mtn City. Motel and Bar